

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2021-349-E ORDER NO. 2022-5-H

JANUARY 10, 2022

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to Request the Commission to Hold a Joint Hearing with the North Carolina Utilities Commission to Develop Carbon Plan

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Petition to Intervene of the Clean Power Suppliers Association (“CPSA”)

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER’S ACTION:

This matter comes before the Chief Hearing Officer on the Petition to Intervene of CPSA in this Docket. The Petition is timely filed, and no objections to the intervention have been filed.

CPSA asserts that it is a non-profit corporation formed under the laws of North Carolina, with members doing business in South Carolina. CPSA’s mission is to promote a sustainable future through the development of independent renewable energy resources in the Carolinas. CPSA’s members are primarily developers of independent solar generating facilities in South Carolina and North Carolina. CPSA believes that independently developed renewable resources can deliver substantial benefits to the grid and to ratepayers while also satisfying customer demands for clean, carbon-free energy. CPSA notes that it is actively involved in the implementation of H.B. 951. As developers of utility-scale independent renewable energy projects in South Carolina and North Carolina, CPSA and its members believe that they have a direct and substantial interest in this proceeding.

After it has been determined that the Petition to Intervene has been timely filed, the next question for the Commission is to determine whether or not the petitioning party or parties have clear factual support or grounds for the proposed intervention. S.C. Regs. 103-825A(3) requires that parties filing a Petition to Intervene in a matter pending before the South Carolina Public Service Commission must set forth clearly and concisely:

- (a) The facts from which the nature of the petitioner's alleged right or interest can be determined;**
- (b) The grounds of the proposed intervention;**
- (c) The position of the petitioner in the proceeding.**

From the discussion and assertions in CPSA's Petition, this Hearing Officer holds that CPSA has successfully satisfied all of the criteria for intervention stated in the Regulation. The Petitioner's interest in these matters can clearly be discerned, as can the grounds for the intervention, and its position. Further, the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and there are no objections to the intervention. Accordingly, the Petition to Intervene of CPSA is hereby granted in this Docket. This ends the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive.